

## Palo Alto County

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### Community Health Needs Assessment Snapshot

#### Promote Healthy Behaviors

##### Problems/Needs:

- Rank #1 Leading cause of death is cardiovascular - 35 in 2008

#### Prevent Injuries

##### Problems/Needs:

None identified

#### Protect Against Environmental Hazards

##### Problems/Needs:

- Rank #3 Old septic systems was a concern voiced in the community surveys.
- Rank #2 In county survey Outdoor air quality was second concern of participants.

#### Prevent Epidemics and the Spread of Disease

##### Problems/Needs:

- Immunization rate of 80 % does not meet state level of 90 % in children 24 months of age for 4 Dtap, 3 Polio, 1 MMR, 3 Hib, 3 Hepatitis B, 1 varicella and 4 pneumococcal series.

#### Prepare for, Respond to, and Recover from Public Health Emergencies

##### Problems/Needs:

None identified

## Strengthen the Public Health Infrastructure

### Problems/Needs:

- Rank#1 - currently we have only one dentist in the county who will accept Title 19 patients.

## Community Health Improvement Plan

Goal	Strategies	Who is responsible?	When? (Timeline)
Goal: Decrease the number of deaths from cardiovascular disease from the baseline of 35 in 2008.	Develop and implement a nutrition and exercise program to one grade level in the county in all schools in the county.	School nurse - the Public health nurse in 3 of the 4 schools in the county.	Fall 2011 to begin programs
	Offer blood pressure screening and education	Public Health nurse	2/1/2011
	Educate residents of county on tobacco cessation and harmful effects of smoking.	Public Health Nurse	2/1/2011

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Goal: Increase the current rate of 80% of children 24 months of age who are properly immunized.	Ensure all missed appointments are called.	Local Health Department	2/01/2011
	Ensure immunization recalls are done monthly	Local Health Department	2/1/2011

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Goal: To increase the number of proper rural septic systems and decrease the number of incorporated communities that are un-sewered, which currently is 2	Work with incorporated communities to be sewerred, which currently there are 2.	County Environmentalist	2013
	Work with rural residents to upgrade their septic systems.	County Environmentalist	2013
	Educate property owners with septic systems and educate incorporated communities on how to become sewerred within the current laws or guidance.	County Environmentalist	2013